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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
FRESNO DIVISION**

Yer Vang,

Plaintiff,

v.

Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:22-cv-01101-SKO

**STIPULATION FOR THE AWARD
AND PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY
FEES AND EXPENSES PURSUANT
TO THE EQUAL ACCESS TO
JUSTICE ACT; ORDER RE:
STIPULATION AND DENYING
MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES
AS MOOT**

(Docs. 23 & 26)

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees and expenses in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$4,600.00) under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), and costs in the amount of ZERO dollars (\$0.00) under 28 U.S.C. §1920. This amount represents compensation for all legal services rendered on behalf of

1 Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C.
2 §§ 1920, 2412(d).

3 After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Plaintiff, the government will
4 consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to counsel. Pursuant to
5 *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 598, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 177 L.Ed.2d 91 (2010), the ability
6 to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to any offset
7 allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After
8 the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will determine whether they are
9 subject to any offset.

10 Fees shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury
11 determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause
12 the payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made directly to Counsel, pursuant to
13 the assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered and
14 made payable to Plaintiff's counsel, Jonathan O. Peña.

15 Plaintiff's net worth did not exceed \$2,000,000.00 when this action was filed.

16 This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for
17 EAJA attorney fees, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of
18 Defendant under the EAJA or otherwise. Payment of the agreed amount shall
19 constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or
20 Counsel including Counsel's firm may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in
21 connection with this action.

22 This award is without prejudice to the rights of Counsel and/or Counsel's firm
23 to seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the
24 savings clause provisions of the EAJA.

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26 Respectfully submitted,
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1 Dated: September 14, 2023

/s/ Jonathan O. Peña
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3 Attorney for Plaintiff

4 Dated: September 14, 2023

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11 By: * Oscar Gonzalez de Llano

12 Oscar Gonzalez de Llano
13 Special Assistant U.S. Attorney
14 Attorneys for Defendant
15 (*Permission to use electronic signature
16 obtained via email on September 14, 2023).

17 **ORDER**

18 Based upon the parties' Stipulation for the Award and Payment of Equal Access
19 to Justice Act Fees and Expenses (the "Stipulation") (Doc. 26),

20 **IT IS ORDERED** that fees and expenses in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND
21 SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$4,600.00) as authorized by the Equal Access
22 to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) and costs in the amount of ZERO dollars
23 (\$0.00) under 28 U.S.C. §1920, be awarded subject to the terms of the Stipulation.

24 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff's motion for attorney's fees (Doc.
25 23) is DENIED as MOOT.

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27 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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1 Dated: September 15, 2023

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE